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SUBJ: MORE ON FU TSO- YI STATEMENT

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1. SUMMARY: NUMBER OF RANKING ROC CIVILIAN OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US THEY BELIEVE PRINCIPAL TARGETS OF FU TSO- YI' S STATEMENT ARE U. S. AND JAPAN, NOT TAIWAN. HOWEVER, SOME MILITARY OFFICERS FEEL THAT THEY ARE THE SPECIFIC TARGET, WHILE DENYING FU HAS ANY INFLUENCE IN TAIWAN. NONE HAS SHOWN ANY INCLINATION TOWARD TALKS WITH PRC. END SUMMARY.

2. CHEN YU- CHING, KMT' S DIRECTOR OF OVERSEAS CHINESE AFFAIRS, TOLD EMBOFF THAT FU TSO- YI' S SPEECH FOR FEBRUARY 28 CONTAINED NOTHING NEW AND THAT AS PROPAGANDA EXPERT HE WAS PLEASED WITH LACK OF APPEAL FOR PRESUMED TARGETS IN TAIWAN. CHEN NOTED THAT FU' S BROADCAST WAS SIMILAR TO EARLIER BROADCASTS TO TAIWAN BY FORMER KMT CIVIL AND MILITARY OFFICIALS ( INCLUDING FU HIMSELF) AND APPEARED TO BE AIMED MORE AT THE US AND JAPAN THAN AT TAIWAN.

3. CHEN NOTED THAT FU WAS NOT THE RANKING OFFICIAL  
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PRESENT AND THOUGHT THAT STATEMENT OF LIAO CHENG- CHIH, WHO TOOK A HARDER LINE THAN FU TSO- YI AS RANKING CCP

MEMBER PRESENT AT FEBRUARY 28 RALLY, WAS MORE IMPORTANT. CHEN SPECULATED THAT THE REAL PRC LINE TOWARD TAIWAN REMAINS HARD. IF A DECISION IS MADE TO TAKE A SOFTER LINE TOWARD TAIWAN, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ANNOUNCED, NOT BY A TURNCOAT SUCH AS FU TSO- YI, BUT BY A RANKING PRC OR CCP OFFICIAL.

4. FREDRICK CHIEN, DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICE, SAID HE BELIEVED PRIMARY TARGETS OF PRC WERE US AND JAPAN AND SECONDARY TARGETS OVERSEAS CHINESE. CHIEN SAID THAT CHINESE PROPAGANDA THROUGH RADIO BROADCASTS REACHED ONLY A SMALL AUDIENCE IN TAIWAN AND WAS GENERALLY INEFFECTIVE. WORD OF MOUTH AND LETTER PROPAGANDA IS MORE

EFFECTIVE, AND IS NOW BEING RECEIVED IN SOME QUANTITY FROM TAIWAN STUDENTS IN THE US FROM THREE SEPARATE CHINESE STUDENT "UNITY" ORGANIZATIONS. THIS PROPAGANDA GENERALLY STRESSES "UNITY" AND DOES NOT ATTACK PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS ON TAIWAN.

5. SEVERAL MILITARY OFFICERS, TWO OF WHOM HAD SERVED WITH FU TSO- YI IN PEKING, HAVE TOLD US THEY BELIEVED THAT TAIWAN IN GENERAL AND THEY IN PARTICULAR WERE FU' S REAL TARGET. THOSE WHO HAD NOT KNOWN FU DENOUNCED CATEGORICALLY HIS SURRENDER IN 1949 AND HIS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE PRC, WHICH WAS "USING" HIM TO ENTRAP HIS OLD COLLEAGUES. THE TWO WHO HAD KNOWN HIM OBVIOUSLY STILL MAINTAINED RESPECT AND AFFECTION FOR HIM, AND SAID HE WAS FORCED TO SPEAK FOR PEKING. ALL DENIED FU HAD ANY INFLUENCE AT PRESENT IN TAIWAN.

6. COMMENT: SO FAR, WE HAVE MET NO ONE HERE WHO TALKS OR BEHAVES AS THOUGH HE BELIEVED THERE WOULD BE BENEFIT FROM ACCOMMODATION WITH THE PRC OR THAT THE ROC SHOULD RISK EXPLORATORY TALKS. THERE IS PROBABLY CONSIDERABLE FEAR BELOW THE SURFACE THAT ANY TALKS, OR EVEN TALK ABOUT TALKS, WITH THE PRC WOULD HAVE A DESTABILIZING EFFECT IN TAIWAN. MCCONAUGHY

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